

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 27, 2009
Minutes

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in the Town Hall Clark Room. Those present were Selectmen Timothy F. Hult, William R. Tice, Jr., Douglas A. G. Stevenson, and Peter Scavongelli. Town Administrator Timothy D. Goddard was also present.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Goddard spoke about pro-rating or reducing the amount for the Wine and Malt license for Ferns Country Store, which was discussed at the previous meeting. He said the Board's earlier vote regarding the issuance of the Wine and Malt license was not very clear because it only referred to delaying the payment of the fee until such time as the construction was completed. He said he spoke with the ABCC and they confirmed that they are satisfied that approvals have been received and a license can be issued at this time. Therefore he suggested that the Board take a formal vote on prorating the fee for the Wine and Malt License for Ferns Country Store for the remainder of the calendar year 2009. He said the annual fee is \$1000. He suggested \$200 at this time. On a motion made by Mr. Tice and seconded by Mr. Stevenson, it was **VOTED 4-0** to approve that the fee for the Wine and Malt off premises license for Ferns Country Store be pro-rated, based upon the date of issuance for calendar year 2009 at \$200.00.

Mr. Goddard said a Grant for the installation of six (6) new Bike Racks was obtained through the Metropolitan Area Planning Council is underway. The cost will be fully reimbursed by the MAPC grant and installed by the Town's DPW in the following locations: Banta Davis, Gleason Library, Carlisle Public School (existing bike rack to be relocated to Cranberry Bog House), and Town Hall, Tennis Courts, and Spalding field.

Mr. Goddard presented the new Town Meeting timeline for the Annual Spring Town Meeting of 2010 for the Board to review. The Board made a few comments. Mr. Tice was concerned that the April 26th Town Meeting date would conflict with Concord's Town Meeting. Mr. Goddard said he would look into this further.

Mr. Goddard said the Senior Tax Advisory Committee has requested that the attached donation request form be placed in with the personal property tax bills, which will be mailed on or about January 1st. Mr. Hult asked how much money was actually collected from these donation request forms. Larry Barton, who was present said last year approximately \$2,500 was collected. On a motion made by Mr. Tice and seconded by Mr. Stevenson, it was **VOTED 4-0** to approve the request of the Senior Tax Advisory Committee to include the attached donation request forms within the mailing of the 3rd quarter tax bills.

Mr. Goddard said the comprehensive permit for the Benfield Farm housing development was received by the Town Clerk's office on Friday (10/23). The Board discussed whether they wanted to respond immediately to this filing, or wait until Selectman John Williams, who has worked on this project at great length, was present. On a comprehensive permit the Board generally responds with comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to put this item back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Community Input

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Alan Carpenito, South Street resident, thanked Mr. Hult and Mr. Stevenson for meeting with the abutters of South Street and Benfield to hear and discuss their issues.

Proposed Regional ALS Service – Chief Flannery

Chief David Flannery was present to talk about the new proposed ALS service. He said first however, he wanted to explain the difference between advanced life support and basic life support. Chief Flannery said basic life support is what Carlisle has now; paramedics that provide basic non-invasive measures. He said advanced- life support is provided by paramedics that have been trained for over 1500 hours to provide more comprehensive medical care. This is care that is similar to what a patient would receive in an emergency room.

Chief Flannery briefly reminded everyone that over a year ago Emerson Hospital indicated that they no longer wanted to provide ALS services to the 13 communities. He said it was a financial decision. The area chiefs have been meeting for the last two years about this issue. A plan is now being proposed on this issue. He explained the proposal, which was drafted by (CMERA) Central Middlesex Emergency rescue Authority. Chief Flannery said it comes with a change from the way we currently fund our operation. He explained the differences in the billing and funding. Chief Flannery pointed out some of the options that were included in the proposal that were not feasible for the Town. Chief Flannery would like to enter into a non- binding agreement. He said we do not have a better alternative to supply ALS service to the community. He added that it is critical that we maintain this availability of service, but perhaps not accept all that is being offered.

Mr. Goddard said he met with the Chief last week and discussed this matter with him. He said he and the Chief agreed that it made sense to remain in this process for the purpose of participating in the continued planning, but the Town would reserve the right to make a final decision in the future as to whether it would remain in or opt out. The response date for all of the communities involved is November 6th. Chief Flannery said a majority of the Towns have not responded yet. Mr. Tice asked about the billing and the centralized dispatch area. Chief Flannery said there was not a home base, but there are safe harbors. There would be an additional vehicle. In response to Mr. Hult, Chief Flannery said Carlisle is not in the center of the area. It is in the northern end. Mr. Hult asked if there was some way the Town could get into the amount of service we wanted /buy into this at some level. Chief Flannery seemed to feel it was necessary to evaluate the package and not agree with the entire package. Chief Flannery said this is the closest we have come to some kind of an agreement.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Tice, it was **VOTED 4-0** to support the Chief in further exploring regional concepts for ALS and determine how it would appropriately engage with it.

Discussion of Town Finances

Finance Director Larry Barton and FinCom Chair David Guarino were present for this discussion. Mr. Hult said he would like to discuss the letter that went out to the Town Departments. He said it is different from the way things than the way things have been done in the past. Mr. Hult said he attended a meeting at the Minuteman Regional Technical School last Friday (10/23) and he would like to discuss the outcome of that meeting. He added that a memo went out to the Departments from the Long Term Capital Requirements Committee. David Guarino spoke briefly about the memo that went out to the Departments and the request that was made in that memo. The Departments have been requested to work on a budget with a 10% reduction, whereas, the school is working from a different memo. They are not working on a 10% reduction. Also, it was noted that this is not the guideline letter; this is preceding the guideline letter.

Mr. Stevenson expressed concern that this process seemed to be running a little later than usual.

David spoke about the High School's increase assessment to Carlisle. He said the FinCom had a joint meeting with the Concord FinCom guideline subcommittee to talk about the budget for the regional school. He said they discussed a number of issues, such as the potential increase to Carlisle, and what that would mean to Carlisle. He was not sure what the result of that meeting will be.

Mr. Hult said a joint chairs meeting was held last week. The discussion of the increase to Carlisle's assessment was discussed then too. Mr. Hult said Carlisle has to continue to let Concord know that this is unacceptable.

Mr. Hult spoke about the breakfast at the Minuteman Technical School. He said sixteen Towns were represented at that meeting. Mr. Hult said the Minuteman School will ask these Towns to respond to the potential of funding a feasibility study for \$1.2million for a \$100million school building project. This would be on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Hult said Carlisle presently has approximately seven (7) students attending Minuteman. Larry said they are planning to finance \$660,000 over a period of 5 years. Larry said that would be less \$20 on a tax bill in Carlisle. It is more of a feasibility/design study. Mr. Hult noted that all sixteen communities have to vote on this item. Mr. Hult said that it is very likely that the Town will have three (3) school projects on the Warrant at the spring Town Meeting.

Larry then spoke about the FY10 budget. He said the Governor has announced that by the end of this week he intends to identify budget reductions in sections of the budget that he has control over. He is seeking what they call expanded '9c' cuts. He was not sure where these reductions would materialize or how much they would amount to. It could be around about \$100,000.

There was a brief discussion about local receipts. Larry reported that at the end of the first three months of this fiscal the local receipts were down by 12 ½ %

Discussion of encroachment on Conservation lands

Conservation Administrator Sylvia Willard was present to talk about a Conservation Cluster on Cross Street. She said over the weekend of October 17th and 18th, members of the Carlisle Trails Committee and an Eagle Scout candidate noticed a disturbance on Open Space Parcel C, which is under the care and custody of the Carlisle Conservation Commission. She said this parcel is located off Captain Wilson Lane in the Conservation Cluster called Greystone Crossing off Cross Street. Sylvia said rocks have been taken and vegetation has been disturbed. She thinks the entry to this area has been made through Lot 15, which is currently under development. Sylvia said she has been out there several times since then and each time it seems something else is missing. Sylvia added that she has talked with the builder/owners of the Lot 15, and they have not seen anyone entering the parcel. Sylvia said she has had the Carlisle Police with her on the land to do some preliminary investigation. Mr. Hult said this land is owned by the Town, and under the protection of the Carlisle Conservation Foundation. Mr. Hult said if items are taken off of this property, then the situation will be investigated and those perpetrators will be prosecuted. Mr. Tice asked if this was an ongoing police investigation. Mr. Hult said he did not know if there were enough leads to make it so. Mr. Scavongelli asked if there were signs posted on the area. Sylvia said not yet. Mr. Hult urged people who were listening, to report any suspicious activity.

Wayne Davis from the Carlisle Conservation Foundation suggested that the police make this a more active investigation.

Mr. Stevenson asked if the Conservation Commission spoke with Mr. Costello, the developer about this situation; and Sylvia replied yes. Mr. Stevenson thought it would be in his interest as well to know that this type of activity was going on in the surrounding area.

On another matter, Sylvia asked the Board to notify the Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee relative to a silt-barrier along the pathway project on Concord Street that is need of repair. Sylvia indicated the specific location of the area of need.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Scavongelli reported that the Highland Building 1 Committee decided to do a 'Home Inspection' on the building to determine what is necessary to stabilize the building and also find out what fire protection equipment it may need.

He said Highland Building 2 is developing a questionnaire which will be brought to organizations that have expressed interest in using the building.

Mr. Stevenson said the Energy Task Force met last week, and their primary objective was the energy audit of all the Town Buildings. He said they also want to develop a capital plan. Mr. Stevenson said he encouraged the committee to understand the annual Town Meeting timeline, noting that they would have to get their material to the Long Term Capital Requirement Committee in a timely fashion. They also talked about the stretch code. Mr. Stevenson noted that they will most likely want to be on the agenda in late November or early December. He said Dan Cook will get back to the Board about a Public Hearing.

In regard to wind turbines, Mr. Stevenson there have been ongoing discussions, but it was decided that nothing would be done on the wind turbines for the next few months.

It was noted that the School Building Committee would like to be on the Boards November 10th agenda.

Mr. Stevenson spoke briefly about the Trails Committee.

Mr. Tice spoke about the Master Plan Committee at the Concord Carlisle High School. He said they selected OMR as the architects.

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On a motion made by Mr. Tice and seconded by Mr. Stevenson it was **VOTED 3 -0- 1** abstaining to approve the Minutes to October 13, 2009 Board of Selectmen meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret M. deMare